

**14340. Misbranding of Mecca compound. U. S. v. 4 Dozen, et al., Packages of Mecca Compound. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. Nos. 20863, 20864, 20865, 20866. I. S. Nos. 2196-x, 2197-x, 2198-x, 2199-x. S. Nos. C-4968, C-4969, C-4970, C-4971.)

On February 20, 1926, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels and on March 26, 1926, amended libels praying seizure and condemnation of 18 dozen two-ounce packages, 9½ dozen six-ounce packages, 1 11/12 dozen thirteen-ounce packages, and 2 dozen three-ounce packages of Mecca compound, at Cincinnati, Ohio, alleging that the article had been shipped by the Foster-Dack Co., from Chicago, Ill., between the dates of February 23 and November 16, 1925, and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Ohio, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Box label) "Healing \* \* \* for all kinds of Sores and inflammation giving quick relief and aiding nature to make speedy cures \* \* \* for \* \* \* Barber's Itch, Eczema, Erysipelas, Hives, Salt Rheum \* \* \* Blood Poison, Boils, Diphtheritic Sore Throat, Pneumonia and all kinds of inflammation," (carton) "Healing," (circular) "Directions for Using Mecca Compound \* \* \* For Burned and Scalded surfaces, apply the Mecca \* \* \* the immediate result will be, cessation of pain and inflammation and no further blistering. Minor burns heal quickly and serious burns heal in a few weeks, free from scars and blemishes. No scars from burns ever appear where Mecca is properly used. For Frosted or Frozen parts apply the same as to a burned surface, applying, when possible, before the frost is withdrawn, for if so applied restoration will follow immediately. \* \* \* for all kinds of hurts. Its use prevents soreness and inflammation and hastens a cure. In serious cases such as \* \* \* Felons, Boils and Carbuncles apply by poulticing \* \* \* Nothing equals Mecca for relieving Pain and for removing soreness. Any sore, recent or of long standing, may be cured by its use, practically applied. For Erysipelas, Gangrene, Scarlet Fever, Chicken Pox, Small Pox and All Eruptive Diseases. For Erysipelas and Gangrene, poultice freely all the parts affected and if the case be severe let the poultice be applied fully half inch thick, but if mild, less will do. For Scarlet Fever, apply to all the eruptive parts by rubbing, and poultice the throat freely until relieved from soreness. For Chicken Pox, apply the Compound freely to all the irritated parts, with moderate rubbing. In Small Pox apply, both by rubbing and poulticing. Rub the patient with the Compound where there are aches and pains, and poultice freely where there is much soreness. It prevents all Itching, and Pitting, reduces the fever, strengthens the patient, and hastens recovery. For Sore Throat, Lung Trouble, Inflammation of the Bowels, Appendicitis, and Rheumatism, For Sore Throat apply \* \* \* thickly over the front of the throat \* \* \* For Lung Trouble, Pneumonia, soreness of the chest and lungs, apply \* \* \* by poultice \* \* \* if the case be severe \* \* \* if mild apply once or twice a day by rubbing \* \* \* For Inflammation of the bowels, and Appendicitis, spread a thick poultice \* \* \* apply over the seat of pain. It is best to keep the poultice on for some time after relief is obtained. For Rheumatism and sundry pains, apply by rubbing, if severe, by poulticing. Its continued use, even in most stubborn cases, will result in a cure," (testimonials) "I \* \* \* have seen many men badly burned \* \* \* nothing I ever saw or heard of compares with the wonderful work of Mecca Compound, so quickly and so fully does it relieve the sufferer from all pain and so quickly does nature restore under its use. \* \* \* X-Ray Burn Cured. I suffered many months from an X-Ray burn \* \* \* It developed into a running sore, which the doctors were unable to heal \* \* \* Mecca Compound \* \* \* relieved the pain and soreness and made a complete cure. \* \* \* when burned with the electric current. In no instance have we found it to fail in giving immediate relief," (circular) "Mecca Compound Ointment. If every home \* \* \* would keep \* \* \* Mecca Compound ready for immediate application in \* \* \* Severe Burns and Scalds, bad Bruises, Blood Poison, Fevers and all kinds of inflammation, many lives would be saved and a vast amount of suffering avoided. Applied \* \* \* to a burned or scalded surface, pain ceases, blistering is prevented and inflammation is held in check while nature soon restores. We firmly believe, if a burned or scalded patient lives two days under common treatment and then expires, that had Mecca Compound been immediately applied, in nearly every case, life would have been saved. We advise the head of every family to at once provide for its safety

\* \* \* has saved lives and much suffering \* \* \* A wise man will provide in time. Insure Protection for your Family by providing means of escape should a severe accident occur, such as is of daily occurrence. The clippings below \* \* \* illustrate constant danger and the need of immediate efficient aid. We firmly believe had Mecca Compound been immediately applied in sufficient quantity all of those, here mentioned, would have been saved. Note well the case of Mr. Mead of Council Bluffs, Iowa, how prompt application saved his life. Duty neglected brings remorse but can not restore life. A Mr. Mead of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was terribly burned by an explosion of gasoline. In less than ten minutes one third of his body had blistered while the whole body, except the head and feet, seemed ready to break forth \* \* \* had a good supply of Mecca Compound \* \* \* covering him half an inch thick. \* \* \* in five weeks he was back to his shop, without a scar or blemish. In this case 30 minutes' delay meant death in a few hours. \* \* \* Clippings from The Chicago Daily Tribune \* \* \* died \* \* \* of scalds \* \* \* died \* \* \* of burns."

Analysis by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department of a sample of the article showed that it consisted essentially of a mixture of fat, petrolatum, zinc oxide (1.2 per cent), and a trace of phenol.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libels for the reason that the labels on the box and carton and in the accompanying circulars contained statements as above set forth, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, which were false and fraudulent, since the said article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On May 14, 1926, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**14341. Adulteration and misbranding of frozen eggs. U. S. v. 85 Cans of Frozen Eggs. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 20903. I. S. No. 8108-x. S. No. E-5654.)**

On March 2, 1926, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 85 cans of frozen eggs, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by the J. A. Long Co., from Union City, Ind., on or about January 26, 1926, and transported from the State of Indiana into the State of New York, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part: "J. A. Long Company, Portland, Ind."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid animal substance.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the article was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On April 2, 1926, the J. A. Long Co., New York, N. Y., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$750, conditioned in part that the bad portion be separated from the article and destroyed or denatured.

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**14342. Adulteration and misbranding of quinine sulphate tablets. U. S. v. United Drug Co. Plea of nolo contendere. Fine, \$100. (F. & D. No. 19595. I. S. Nos. 13025-v, 13030-v, 13031-v.)**

On April 7, 1925, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the United Drug Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, from the State of Massachusetts into the State of New York, in various consignments, on or about March 14 and 21, and April 4, 1924, respectively, of quantities of quinine sulphate tablets which were adulter-